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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: VERSATILE MOLD FLOW CAPABILITY IN  
THE INFILTRATION OF POROUS CARBON  
PREFORMS WITH  
PITCH/THERMOPLASTIC/THERMOSET  
RESINS

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Examiner: WOLLSCHLAGER

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 22, 2007. Claims 1-14 and 16-19 are pending in the application, of which claims 1-6 stand withdrawn from consideration.

*Prior art rejections*

Claims 7-14 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,537,470 B1 or WO 02/18120 A2 (collectively, “Wood”) in view of US 5,045,251 (“Johnson”). Office Action, pages 6-8. Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood view of Johnson and US 5,916,633 (“Lackey”) and US 6,030,575